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Secretary of State's Office to Hold Public Hearing on Top-to-Bottom Review of ES&S InkaVote Plus Voting System

WHAT: The Secretary of State's Office will conduct a public hearing to examine whether the Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S) InkaVote Plus voting system should be recertified after a top-to-bottom review of the system. The InkaVote Plus system is used solely in Los Angeles County to provide voters with disabilities a way to cast ballots privately and independently.

InkaVote Plus was not part of Secretary Bowen's original top-to-bottom review conducted earlier this year. Despite its intention to continue operating the InkaVote Plus system in Los Angeles County, ES&S failed to provide the information, equipment, and money in a timely fashion as required by law in order to conduct a top-to-bottom review of the system, so Secretary Bowen decertified the InkaVote Plus. ES&S finally submitted the complete system for review in early October and testing began soon thereafter.

Secretary Bowen designed the top-to-bottom review to ensure that California voters are being asked to cast their ballots on machines that are secure, accurate, reliable, and accessible. State law requires that all voting systems used in California be certified by the Secretary of State, and that the Secretary conduct periodic reviews of those voting systems to determine whether they are defective, obsolete, or otherwise unacceptable.

For more information about the top-to-bottom review and other voting system certifications, go to http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vsr.htm.

WHEN: Monday, November 26, 2007
10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Secretary of State Building
Auditorium
1500 11th Street
Sacramento

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